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Civil Air Patrol Cadets Participate in Whitehouse Station Fire Drill

(Whitehouse Station) -- On September 19 the Civil Air Patrol Delaware Valley Composite Squadron cadets became 'victims' of a simulated house fire during a drill with the Whitehouse Station Fire Company.

A small house on Coddington Road became the scene of a mock house fire in which four cadets, Cadet Stephen Pettit, Cadet Patrick Brennan, Cadet Nick Biondo and Cadet Robbie Regan, became 'trapped' inside the burning building. A portable fog machine provided the smoke for the fire and each cadet was assigned an injury with directions on how to represent each injury once they were rescued from the building.

Once the cadets were in place, the call went out that the drill had begun and the first unit to respond was met with CAP Senior Member Chris Casey whose 'son was having a sleep over and was not sure how many kids were actually in the building'. Within fifteen minutes of the official start of the drill, the cadets were rescued and received the medical attention required for their individual injuries. Once the cadet 'victims' were safe and out of harms way the fire squad continued their training by cutting open the roof, breaking out the windows and opening up the walls.

CAP Cadet Nick Biondo, "Being a resident of Readington, it was really neat to see how proficient, professional and quick these men and woman are. I am glad to know they have my back."

Thank you to both the Whitehouse Fire Company and the Civil Air Patrol cadets for their dedication to their communities.

For more information about the Civil Air Patrol or the Delaware Valley Squadron please go to their website at: delval.njwg.cap.gov or contact the Squadron Commander, Captain Shannon Bingert at: shnin6@msn.com.

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